

The CME requirements include 70 Category I credits in either cardiothoracic surgery or general surgery earned during the 2 years prior to application. SESATS and SESAPS are the only self-instructional materials allowed for credit. Category II credits are not allowed. The Physicians Recognition Award for recertifying in general surgery is not allowed in fulfillment of the CME requirements. Interested individuals should refer to the 2004 *Booklet of Information* for a complete description of acceptable CME credits.

Diplomates should maintain a documented list of their major cases performed during the year prior to application for recertification. This practice review should consist of 1 year's consecutive major operative experiences. If more than 100 cases occur in 1 year, only 100 should be listed.

Candidates for recertification/maintenance of certification will be required to complete all sections of the SESATS self-assessment examination. It is not necessary for candidates to purchase SESATS individually because it will be sent to candidates after their application has been approved.

Diplomates may recertify the year their certificate expires, or if they wish to do so, they may recertify up to 2 years before it expires. However, the new certificate will be dated 10 years from the date of expiration of their original certificate or most recent recertification certificate. In other words, recertifying early does not alter the 10-year validation.

Recertification/maintenance of certification is also open to Diplomates with an unlimited certificate and will in no way affect the validity of their original certificate.

The deadline for submission of applications for the recertification/maintenance of certification process is May 10 each year. A brochure outlining the rules and requirements for recertification/maintenance of certification in thoracic surgery is available upon request from the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, One Rotary Center, Suite 803, Evanston, IL 60201; telephone number: 847-475-1520; fax: 847-475-6240; e-mail: abts_everanston@msn.com. The booklet is also published on the Web site: www.abts.org.

Notices of Correction

In the November 2003 issue of the *Journal*, in the article by Pigula and associates titled "Closed Correction of Systemic Semilunar Valve Insufficiency in the Neonate" (2003;126:1650-2), the name of Petros V. Anagnostopoulos, MD, was misspelled as Petros Agnastopolous, MD.

In the December 2003 issue of the *Journal*, in the article by McMahon and associates titled "Improved Early Outcome for End-Stage Dilated Cardiomyopathy in Children" (2003;126:1781-7), Marc R. de Leval, MD, FRCS, was listed as a sponsor, rather than as the final author.

In the December 2003 issue of the *Journal*, Gianni Angelini was inadvertently left out of the list of Guest Reviewers for *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* (2003;126:2121-3). We extend our thanks for his efforts on behalf of the *Journal*.